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Tongwe language

Tongwe (*Sitongwe*) and **Bende** (*Sibende*) constitute a clade of Bantu languages coded Zone F.10 in Guthrie's classification. According to Nurse & Philippson (2003), they form a valid node. Indeed, at 90% lexical similarity they may be dialects of a single language.

Tongwe	
Bende	
Native to	Tanzania
Native speakers	40,000 (1999–2001)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Bantu (Zone F.10) ▪ **Tongwe**
Dialects	Tongwe Bende
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `tny` – Tongwe `bdp` – Bende
Glottolog	`tong1320 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/tong1320)` Tongwe[2] `bend1258 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bend1258)` Bende[3]
Guthrie code	`F.10 (F.11–12)`[4]

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